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PALMERTON ZINC NPL SITE  
PALMERTON BOROUGH, CARBON CO., PA 18071

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I. SITUATION (AS OF 12 JULY 1996)  
EVENT: ROUTINE REMOVAL OPERATIONS

A. PALMERTON INTERIM REMOVAL ACTION SITE OPERATIONS  
CONTINUED THIS PERIOD (08 JULY THROUGH 12 JULY) WITH  
CLEANUP WORK AT 6 LOCATIONS.

B. COSTS TO DATE (DATES)

	UTILIZED	CEILING
EPA DIRECT 07/12/96	\$ 90,133	\$ 120,000
EPA INDIRECT 07/12/96	\$ 167,364	\$ 210,000
OTHER 05/24/96	\$ 175,071	\$ 200,000
USCG	\$ 47,613	\$ 50,000
TAT 07/12/96	\$ 324,234	\$ 500,000
ERCS 07/12/96	\$2,199,286	\$ 3,070,000
UNALLOCATED		\$ 784,000
TOTAL	\$3,003,701	\$ 4,934,000

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	1996	TOTAL
LOCATIONS SAMPLED	57	261
EXT. COMPLETED	36	98
INT. COMPLETED	2	70

D. OSC COORDINATING RELEASE OF FACT SHEET DISCUSSING  
CONTAMINATED AREAS IN LOWER TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP AND  
SAMPLING OF LARGE AREAS ALONG LITTLE GAP HIGHWAY IN THE  
TOWNSHIP. TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS, AND LOCAL COMMUNITY  
GROUPS (PCCE, PETF) NOTIFIED OF EPA ACTIVITY IN LOWER  
TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP 12 JULY, 1996.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

A. EXTERIOR CLEANUP AND RESTORATION OPERATIONS WERE  
COMPLETED AT ALL LOCATIONS THIS PERIOD WITH SOD, MULCH,  
AND/OR STONE. EXTRA EFFORT TO CATCH UP FROM LOST TIME  
LAST WEEK.

B. OSC CONTINUED TO ACCEPT REQUESTS FOR SAMPLING AND  
CONTINUED TO SCHEDULE RESIDENTIAL CLEANUPS. ADDITIONAL  
SAMPLING SCHEDULED FOR FOLLOWING WEEK.

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- C. OSC CONTINUED TO SCHEDULE PROPERTIES FOR CLEANUP. THUS FAR, CLEANUPS ARE SCHEDULED THROUGH THE WEEK OF 12 AUGUST.
- D. OSC DIRECTED SATA CONTRACTOR TO COLLECT SAMPLES FROM STONY RIDGE OF MATERIALS POTENTIALLY IMPACTING RESIDENCES.
- E. SATA CONDUCTED INTERIM REMOVAL SAMPLING ACTIVITIES 10 JULY 1996.
- F. OSC, SATA, AND ATSDR MET ON SITE 11 JULY TO VIEW POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED AREA. SATA AND OSC WITNESS LARGE WHITE CLOUD "RELEASE" FROM LOW BUILDING IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF SPHERES AT EAST PLANT. OSC NOTICED AT 0815 DRIVING INTO TOWN. OSC AND SATA VIEWED FROM STONY RIDGE AND LITTLE GAP ROAD 0830-0930. CLOUD HUNG AND MOVED EAST DOWN VALLEY.

### III. FUTURE ACTIONS

- A. CONTINUE SITE CLEANUP AND RESTORATION ACTIVITIES AT ELIGIBLE RESIDENCES.
- B. CONTINUE COORDINATION OF AND SCHEDULING OF RESIDENTIAL CLEANUPS.
- C. SATA TO CONDUCT SAMPLING EVENT DURING THE WEEK OF 15 JULY 1996.
- D. AWAIT ANALYTICAL RESULTS AND MAIL RESULTS TO TENANTS AND OWNERS ALONG WITH DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.
- E. AWAIT RISK EVALUATION AND OTHER ASSESSMENT OF LARGE CONTAMINATED PROPERTIES ALONG LITTLE GAP HIGHWAY ACROSS FROM THE CINDER BANK.

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